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SUBJECT: JAPAN-IAEA VERIFICATION AGREEMENT

1. RYUKICHI IMAI OF JAPCO HAS INFORMED SCICOUNS THAT IN CONNECTION WITH EUROPEAN VISIT BEGINNING MARCH 7 (IMAI WILL ATTEND LONDON MEETING OF ASSOCIATION FOR CENTRIFUGE ENRICHMENT), HE PLANNING TO VISIT GENEVA ON MARCH 15 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPANESE CCD DELEGATION. WHILE IN GENEVA, IMAI WOULD HOPE TO RUN INTO LABOWITZ OF US IAEA MISSION AND DISCUSS NEW JAPANESE APPROACHES ON VERIFICATION AGREEMENT.

2. IMAI EXPLAINED THAT FOREIGN OFFICE WAS PARTY TO THIS PROPOSED APPROACH, BUT HAD VETOED TRIP TO VIENNA IN ORDER TO AVOID AROUSING CONCERN OF IAEA. IN ADDITION, FONOFF MUST AVOID APPEARANCE OF ENGAGING IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH IAEA. THIS, THERE ARE SOME RISKS ASSOCIATED IN PROPOSED ENCOUNTER. ON BALANCE, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THESE ARE SMALL AND DISCUSSIONS COULD SERVE AS USEFUL MEANS OF EVALUATING CURRENT TREND OF GOJ THINKING ON AGREEMENT.

3. PLEASE ADVISE PRIOR TO MARCH 7 OF LABOWITZ AVAILABILITY.
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